

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**April 23, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special session on April 23, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Counselor Bob Myers, Newton City Attorney, and Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the EDC, presented a development agreement between the City of Newton, the Board of County Commissioners, and ABI Chemicals, LLC, to develop a manufacturing facility to be located on the campus of the Newton City/County Airport. The City and County will then lease the facility to ABI for an initial term of between 20 and 22 years. The Newton City Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement at the City Commission meeting held yesterday evening. The City has agreed to build and finance the facility, which will be approximately 20,000 square feet in size, using 18,000 square feet for manufacturing space and 2,000 for office space. This will include a truck receiving and load out facility, plus paved ingress and egress for truck traffic, and a parking lot. There will also be an adjacent aircraft hangar facility of approximately 5,000 square feet with taxiway and apron improvements as necessary. The facility, which will cost \$4,600,000 to construct, will be used for the manufacture of coatings which will be primarily used in the aerospace industry. The National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University is helping this company develop the coatings for use in the aviation industry. By the end of the first full year of operations, ABI projects to employ at least 12 people.

This project is moving forward at a very rapid pace and must be completed before October 1, 2014. There is a high degree of confidence that this deadline can be met, however the agreement includes a Project Commitment Date of May 12, 2014, whereby the City of Newton or ABI can terminate the agreement if they feel the commitments cannot be met or if any other issues arise. There will be a joint meeting scheduled between the City and the County sometime before the commitment date. There are no other incentives, grants, or tax abatements other than the project being financed by the City of Newton.

At 8:20 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session to discuss proprietary issues that are privileged for a period of 10 minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. In attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 8:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and enter into the agreement with the City of Newton and ABI Chemicals, LLC to develop a manufacturing facility on the campus of the Newton City/County Airport. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

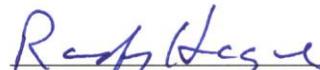
Byron Warta stated that Mickey Fornaro-Dean, through diligence and persistence, was the deciding factor for ABI Chemicals choosing this location at the Newton City/County Airport. Executives at

ABI Chemicals publicly stated that they were very appreciative of the reception they received from the Harvey County EDC. Mickey was able to meet the specific needs of this company and revive an interest in Harvey County, after many other options had been explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

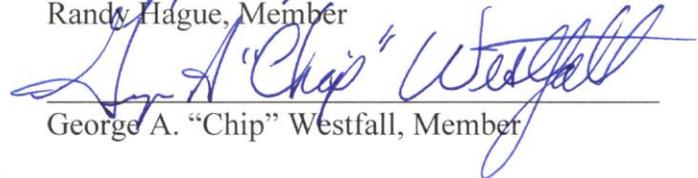
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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

